

Tryonia, a new taenitidoid fern genus segregated from *Jamesonia* and *Eriosorus* (Pteridaceae)

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Abstract

The Neotropical fern genera *Eriosorus* and *Jamesonia* have long been thought of as close relatives. Molecular phylogenetic studies have confirmed this notion but have also revealed that neither genus is monophyletic with respect to the other. As a result, all known species of *Eriosorus* were recently subsumed under the older generic name *Jamesonia*. Here, through an analysis of a four-gene plastid dataset, we show that several species traditionally treated in *Eriosorus* are in fact more closely related to other taenitidoid fern genera (namely *Austrogramme*, *Pterozonium*, *Syngamma*, and *Taenitis*) than they are to the large *Jamesonia sensu lato* clade. *Tryonia* Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran **gen. nov.** is described to accommodate these species and four new combinations are provided. *Tryonia* is confined to southeastern Brazil and adjacent Uruguay; it is distinct (from most species of *Jamesonia*) in having stramineous rachises.

Keywords

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Introduction

The Neotropical genus *Jamesonia* Hook. & Grev. *sensu stricto* is among the most distinctive of all fern genera. It has linear, indeterminate leaves bearing highly reduced, coriaceous pinnae covered with dense pubescence (Tryon 1962; Fig. 1). These morphological characteristics are generally considered to be an adaptation to the high-



Figure 1. *Jamesonia pulchra* Hook. & Grev., the type species of *Jamesonia*. Ewan 16100 (US), inset detail of (castaneous) rachis magnified 4×.

elevation Andean páramo habitats where most *Jamesonia* species reside (Tryon et al. 1990). Based on reproductive and other cryptic morphological characteristics, *Jamesonia* has long been thought to be closely related to the genus *Eriosorus* Fée (Tryon 1962, 1970, Tryon and Tryon 1982). *Eriosorus* mostly occupies middle-elevation habitats in the Andes and its leaves are much more typical of ferns, usually being very dissected and rather delicate in texture (Tryon 1970; Figs 2, 3). Recent analyses have demonstrated that *Jamesonia* is both nested within *Eriosorus* and polyphyletic (Prado et al. 2007, Sánchez-Baracaldo 2004a, 2004b, Schneider et al. 2013, Schuettpelz et al. 2007), supporting the hypothesis of Tryon (1962, 1970) that the unique morphology of *Jamesonia* evolved independently multiple times. This finding prompted the recent recombination of all known species of *Eriosorus* into *Jamesonia* (*sensu lato*, Christenhusz et al. 2011).

Although it is clear that species of *Jamesonia sensu stricto* are intermixed with those previously assigned to *Eriosorus*, relationships remain rather poorly supported and additional studies are needed to better resolve the evolutionary history of this group. With that said, the isolated phylogenetic position revealed for one Brazilian species requires special attention. In the most comprehensive study of *Jamesonia sensu lato* to date (Sánchez-Baracaldo 2004b), two accessions of *E. myriophyllus* (Sw.) Copel. (Fig. 4) were resolved together and well supported as sister to the remainder of *Jamesonia sensu lato*. However, it is clear from the phylogram included in the Sánchez-Baracaldo (2004b) study that these accessions are genetically more similar to the outgroup used than they are to the remainder of the ingroup, suggesting that the phylogenetic position of *E. myriophyllus* may be an artifact of including a single outgroup genus (*Pterozonium* Fée). Subsequent analyses with a broader phylogenetic context but including fewer exemplars from within *Jamesonia sensu lato*, actually found *E. myriophyllus* to be most closely related to the genus *Taenitis* Willd. ex Schkuhr (Prado et al. 2007, Schneider et al. 2013).

Here, through analyses of a four-gene (*atpA*, *chlL*, *rbcL*, and *rps4*) plastid dataset that incorporates many *Eriosorus* and *Jamesonia sensu stricto* species, as well as a broad sampling of related genera, we aim to better resolve the phylogenetic position of *E. myriophyllus* and allied species. Based on our results, we describe a new genus, *Tryonia* Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran, to accommodate this species and its closest allies.

Methods

Sampling

A total of thirty-eight collections were sampled for the phylogenetic analysis, including four individuals of *Eriosorus myriophyllus*, nine other species of *Eriosorus*, eight *Jamesonia sensu stricto* species, and seventeen additional species representing other genera in the taenitidoid clade (Prado et al. 2007, Sánchez-Baracaldo 2004a, Schuettpelz et al. 2007, Table 1).



Figure 2. *Jamesonia aureonitens* (Hook.) Christenh., the type species of *Eriosorus*. Hutchison 5504 (US), inset detail of (castaneous) rachis magnified 4×.



Figure 3. *Jamesonia congesta* (Christ) Christenh., a species with generalized morphology (Tryon 1970) previously classified in *Eriosorus*. Lellinger 1711 (US), inset detail of (castaneous) rachis magnified 4x.



Figure 4. *Tryonia myriophylla* (Sw.) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran, the type species of *Tryonia*. Smith 1795 (US), inset detail of (stramineous) rachis magnified 4×.

Table 1. Collections included in our phylogenetic analyses supporting the recognition of *Tryonia*, with voucher information and corresponding GenBank accession numbers.

| Species | Voucher | <i>atpA</i> | <i>chlL</i> | <i>rbcL</i> | <i>rps4</i> | FLDB ¹ |
|---|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <i>Actiniopteris dimorpha</i> Pic.Serm. | Schneider s.n. (GOET) | EF452066 | KJ416295 | EF452130 | KJ416352 | 3515 |
| <i>Actiniopteris semiflabellata</i> Pic.Serm. | Smith s.n. (UC) | KJ416270 | KJ416296 | KJ416326 | KJ416353 | 3742 |
| <i>Anogramma leptophylla</i> (L.) Link | Schuettpelz 1079 (DUKE) | KJ416271 | KJ416297 | KJ416327 | KJ416354 | 4822 |
| <i>Austrogramme decipiens</i> (Mett.) HENNIPMAN | van der Werff 16114 (UC) | NA | NA | NA | AF321702 | NA |
| <i>Austrogramme marginata</i> (Mett.) E.Fourn. | Hodel 1454 (UC) | NA | NA | NA | AY357704 | NA |
| <i>Cosentinia vellea</i> (Aiton) Tod. | Larsson 55 (UPS) | KJ416272 | KJ416298 | KJ416328 | KJ416355 | 8670 |
| <i>Jamesonia alstonii</i> A.F.Tryon | Moran 8248 (DUKE) | KJ416273 | KJ416299 | KJ416329 | KJ416356 | 5587 |
| <i>Jamesonia blepharum</i> A.F.Tryon | Schuettpelz 269 (DUKE) | KJ416274 | KJ416300 | EF452154 | KJ416357 | 2437 |
| <i>Jamesonia brasiliensis</i> Christ | Schuettpelz 1444 (SP) | KJ416275 | KJ416301 | KJ416330 | KJ416358 | 8379 |
| <i>Jamesonia cheilanthoides</i> (Sw.) Christenh. | Rothfels 3964 (DUKE) | KJ416276 | KJ416302 | KJ416331 | KJ416359 | 7694 |
| <i>Jamesonia congesta</i> (Christ) Christenh. | Grusz 08-036 (DUKE) | KJ416277 | KJ416303 | KJ416332 | KJ416360 | 5272 |
| <i>Jamesonia elongata</i> (Grev. & Hook.) J.Sm. | Rothfels 3602 (DUKE) | KJ416278 | KJ416304 | KJ416333 | KJ416361 | 7362 |
| <i>Jamesonia flexuosa</i> (Kunth) Christenh. | Rothfels 08-042 (DUKE) | KJ416279 | KJ416305 | KJ416334 | KJ416362 | 5273 |
| <i>Jamesonia goudotii</i> (Hieron.) C.Chr. | Rothfels 3694 (DUKE) | KJ416280 | KJ416306 | KJ416335 | KJ416363 | 7414 |
| <i>Jamesonia hirta</i> (Kunth) Christenh. | Rothfels 3669 (DUKE) | KJ416281 | KJ416307 | KJ416336 | KJ416364 | 7397 |
| <i>Jamesonia insignis</i> (Kuhn) Christenh. | Salino 3010 (UC) | NA | NA | NA | AF321708 | NA |
| <i>Jamesonia pulchra</i> Hook. & Grev. | Sánchez-Baracaldo 306 (UC) | NA | NA | NA | AF321746 | NA |
| <i>Jamesonia rotundifolia</i> Fée | Sundue 1357 (DUKE) | KJ416282 | KJ416308 | KJ416337 | KJ416365 | 6049 |
| <i>Jamesonia scammaniae</i> A.F.Tryon | Rothfels 2631 (DUKE) | KJ416283 | KJ416309 | KJ416338 | KJ416366 | 5588 |
| <i>Jamesonia verticalis</i> Kunze | Rothfels 3638 (DUKE) | KJ416284 | KJ416310 | KJ416339 | KJ416367 | 7386 |
| <i>Jamesonia warszewiczii</i> (Mett.) Christenh. | Grusz 08-039 (DUKE) | KJ416285 | KJ416311 | KJ416340 | KJ416368 | 5275 |
| <i>Onychium japonicum</i> (Thunb.) Kunze | Schneider s.n. (GOET) | EF452107 | KJ416312 | KJ416341 | NA | 3463 |
| <i>Onychium lucidum</i> (D.Don) Spreng. | Schuettpelz 1161 (DUKE) | KJ416286 | KJ416313 | KJ416342 | NA | 4904 |
| <i>Pityrogramma austroamericana</i> Domin | Schuettpelz 301 (DUKE) | EF452112 | KJ416314 | EF452166 | KJ416369 | 2561 |
| <i>Pityrogramma chaerophylla</i> (Desv.) Domin | Prado 2178 (SP) | KJ416287 | KJ416315 | KJ416343 | KJ416370 | 8755 |
| <i>Pityrogramma jamesonii</i> (Baker) Domin | Moran 7592 (NY) | EF463857 | KJ416316 | EF452167 | KJ416371 | 3769 |
| <i>Pterozonium brevifrons</i> (A.C.Sm.) Lellinger | Schuettpelz 285 (DUKE) | EF452124 | KJ416317 | EF452175 | KJ416372 | 2453 |
| <i>Pterozonium cyclosorum</i> A.C.Sm. | Brewer 1006 (UC) | NA | NA | NA | AF321703 | NA |
| <i>Pterozonium reniforme</i> (Mart.) Fée | Brewer 1005 (UC) | NA | NA | NA | AF321704 | NA |
| <i>Syngamma quinata</i> (Hook.) Carr. | Kessler 2273 (L) | NA | NA | NA | AF321701 | NA |
| <i>Taenitis blechnoides</i> (Willd.) Sw. | Schuettpelz 689 (DUKE) | KJ416288 | KJ416318 | KJ416344 | KJ416373 | 4102 |
| <i>Taenitis interrupta</i> Hook. & Grev. | Schuettpelz 851 (DUKE) | KJ416289 | KJ416319 | KJ416345 | KJ416374 | 4270 |

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|--|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------|
| <i>Tryonia arenitcola</i> (Schwartzb. & Labiak) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran | Prado 2169 (SP) | NA | KJ416320 | KJ416346 | KJ416375 | 8433 |
| <i>Tryonia myriophylla</i> (Sw.) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran | Schuettpelz 1411 (SP) | KJ416290 | KJ416321 | KJ416347 | KJ416376 | 8345 |
| <i>Tryonia myriophylla</i> (Sw.) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran | Schuettpelz 1449 (SP) | KJ416291 | KJ416322 | KJ416348 | KJ416377 | 8384 |
| <i>Tryonia myriophylla</i> (Sw.) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran | Schuettpelz 1461 (SP) | KJ416292 | KJ416323 | KJ416349 | KJ416378 | 8396 |
| <i>Tryonia myriophylla</i> (Sw.) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran | Prado 2186 (SP) | KJ416293 | KJ416324 | KJ416350 | NA | 8753 |
| <i>Tryonia schwackeana</i> (Christ) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran | Schuettpelz 1433 (SP) | KJ416294 | KJ416325 | KJ416351 | KJ416379 | 8367 |

[†]Fern Lab Database voucher number (see <http://fernlab.biology.duke.edu> for additional information concerning these collections)

DNA extraction, amplification, and sequencing

Genomic DNA was typically extracted using a modified CTAB protocol (Doyle and Doyle 1987), as described in detail in Beck et al. (2011). Four plastid gene regions (*atpA*, *chlL*, *rbcL*, and *rps4*) were amplified using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Each reaction incorporated 13.6 µl ultrapure water, 2 µl buffer (10×), 2 µl dNTPs (2 mM each), 0.2 µl Choice-Taq DNA Polymerase (5 units/µl, Denville Scientific), 0.2 µl BSA (10 mg/ml), 1 µl forward primer (10 µM), 1 µl reverse primer (10 µM), and 1 µl template DNA (primer details are provided for each gene in Table 2). All thermal cycling protocols employed an initial denaturation step (95 °C for 2 min), 35 amplification cycles, and a final elongation step (71 °C for 5 min). Each amplification cycle involved a denaturation step (95 °C for 0.5 min), an annealing step (50 °C for 0.5 min for *atpA*, *chlL*, and *rps4*; 45 °C for 0.5 min for *rbcL*), and an elongation step (71 °C for 1 min for *atpA* and *chlL*; 71 °C for 1.5 min for *rps4* and *rbcL*).

Amplifications were visualized using standard gel electrophoresis and imaging approaches. Unincorporated nucleotides and primers were removed from successful reactions by adding 1.0 µl Shrimp Alkaline Phosphatase (1 unit/µl) and 0.5 µl Exonuclease I (10 units/µl) to each reaction and incubating at 37 °C for 15 min. Reactions were then heated to 80 °C for 15 min to inactivate the enzymes.

Sequencing reactions were carried out, in both directions, with the amplification primers, following a standard protocol (Schuettpelz and Pryer 2007). For *rbcL*, two additional (internal) sequencing primers were utilized (Table 2). Sequencing reactions were cleaned using the ZR-96 DNA Sequencing Clean-up Kit (Zymo Research), according to the manufacturer's protocol. Sealed plates were submitted to Operon (Huntsville, Alabama) for sequencing.

Sequencing reads were independently (for each PCR product) assembled and edited using Sequencher (Gene Codes Corporation). The 110 new consensus sequences were added to the Fern Lab Database (<http://fernlab.biology.duke.edu>) and deposited into GenBank (Table 1). For four (of thirty-eight) collections, we could only obtain three of the four gene regions targeted (Table 1). For six collections, an *atpA* and/or

Table 2. Primers utilized in this study supporting the recognition of *Tryonia*.

| Region | Name | Type | Sequence | Reference |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>atpA</i> | atpA-F1 | Forward | GAATCTGATAATGTTGGGGCTG | This study |
| <i>atpA</i> | atpA-R1 | Reverse | AAACATCTCCNGGATAYGCTTC | This study |
| <i>chlL</i> | chlL-F1 | Forward | GRATTGGMAARTCAACAAGCTAGCTG | This study |
| <i>chlL</i> | chlL-R1 | Reverse | CBAGTACRGGCATGGGRCAAGCTTC | This study |
| <i>rbcL</i> | ES-rbcL-1F | Forward | ATGTCACCACAAACGGAGACTAAAGC | Schuettpelz and Pryer 2007 |
| <i>rbcL</i> | ES-rbcL-1361R | Reverse | TCAGGACTCCACTTACTAGCTTCACG | Schuettpelz and Pryer 2007 |
| <i>rbcL</i> | ES-rbcL-628F | Forward [†] | CCATTYATGCGTTGGAGAGATCG | Schuettpelz and Pryer 2007 |
| <i>rbcL</i> | ES-rbcL-654R | Reverse [†] | GAARCGATCTCTCCAACGCAT | Schuettpelz and Pryer 2007 |
| <i>rps4</i> | rps5 | Forward | ATGTCCCGTTATCGAGGACCT | Souza-Chies et al. 1997 |
| <i>rps4</i> | trnS | Reverse | TACCGAGGGTTCGAATC | Souza-Chies et al. 1997 |

[†]Primer used only for sequencing.

rbcL sequence had already been published; these existing sequences (from Schuettpelz and Pryer 2007 and Schuettpelz et al. 2007) were obtained directly from GenBank, as were seven *rps4* sequences (from Sánchez-Baracaldo 2004a, 2004b) corresponding to species not otherwise available to us (Table 1). All new and existing sequences were aligned, by gene region, using Mesquite (Maddison and Maddison 2011). The final *atpA*, *chlL*, *rbcL*, and *rps4* datasets included 30, 31, 31, and 35 taxa, respectively (see Table 3 for additional details concerning our alignments).

Table 3. Details for the alignments analyzed in this study supporting the recognition of *Tryonia*.

| Dataset | Taxa | Characters | | | Data | Bipartitions |
|-------------|------|------------|----------|----------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | Total | Included | Variable | Missing [†] | Supported [‡] |
| <i>atpA</i> | 30 | 1506 | 629 | 113 | 1.04% | 11 |
| <i>chlL</i> | 31 | 523 | 523 | 120 | 0.92% | 15 |
| <i>rbcL</i> | 31 | 1309 | 1309 | 250 | 0.39% | 15 |
| <i>rps4</i> | 35 | 1176 | 560 | 177 | 1.77% | 17 |
| Combined | 38 | 4514 | 3021 | 660 | 17.76% | 25 |

[†]Calculation based on included characters

[‡]Bayesian posterior probability ≥ 0.95

Phylogenetic analyses

Bayesian phylogenetic analyses were conducted independently for each of the four single-gene datasets using MRBAYES version 3.2.1 (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist 2001, Ronquist and Huelsenbeck 2003). These Bayesian analyses utilized the GTR+ Γ +I model of sequence evolution (the most complex model available) and consisted of four independent runs per dataset, each utilizing four chains and proceeding for five million generations, with trees sampled every 4000 generations. After completion of each analysis, we examined the standard deviation of split frequencies among the runs, plot-

ted the output parameter estimates using Tracer 1.5 (Rambaut and Drummond 2009), and very conservatively excluded the first 250 trees (one million generations) from each run. A majority-rule consensus phylogeny with clade posterior probabilities was then calculated from the remaining 4000 trees, for each gene. Based on earlier studies with broader sampling (Prado et al. 2007, Sánchez-Baracaldo 2004a), we rooted our resulting gene trees with *Actiniopteris* and *Onychium*.

We compared the results of our single-gene analyses, looking for conflicts that were supported by a Bayesian posterior probability ≥ 0.95 . Finding none, we concatenated the four datasets. The resulting 38-taxon combined dataset was analyzed as above, but with model parameters estimated and optimized separately for each gene and each run proceeding for 20 million generations. We sampled trees every 16,000 generations and excluded the first four million generations from each run prior to calculating a majority-rule consensus phylogeny with clade posterior probabilities.

Results

The four single-gene (*atpA*, *chlL*, *rbcL*, and *rps4*) datasets contained varying amounts of phylogenetic signal, providing significant support (Bayesian posterior probability, BPP ≥ 0.95) for as few as 11 and as many as 17 bipartitions (Table 3). The single-gene trees were largely consistent in their resolved relationships (trees not shown) and there were no well-supported (BPP ≥ 0.95) conflicts among them.

Our combined four-gene dataset comprised a total of 4514 characters, of which 660 were variable (Table 3). Analysis of this dataset resulted in a phylogeny with considerably improved support relative to the single-gene phylogenies; 25 bipartitions had a BPP ≥ 0.95 (Fig. 5). The separation of *Actiniopteris* and *Onychium* from the remaining taenitidoid genera was well supported (BPP = 1.00). *Anogramma*, *Cosentinia*, and *Pityrogramma* formed a well-supported clade that was, in turn, well-supported as sister to a robust clade including *Austrogramme*, *Pterozonium*, *Syngramma*, *Taenitis*, and all sampled species previously assigned to either *Jamesonia* or *Eriosorus* (Fig. 5).

The vast majority of our *Jamesonia sensu lato* collections come together in a clade on a rather long branch; within this clade branches are short and support is frequently lacking. Six samples previously included within *Jamesonia sensu lato* are not allied to that larger clade, but rather are embedded within a well-supported clade that also contains *Austrogramme*, *Pterozonium*, *Syngramma*, and *Taenitis* (Fig. 5).

Discussion

Most species previously assigned to *Eriosorus* and *Jamesonia sensu stricto* have been consistently resolved together in a well-supported clade (Prado et al. 2007, Sánchez-Baracaldo 2004a, 2004b, Schneider et al. 2013, Schuettpelz et al. 2007). And, although support for relationships within this large clade has been generally lacking, the

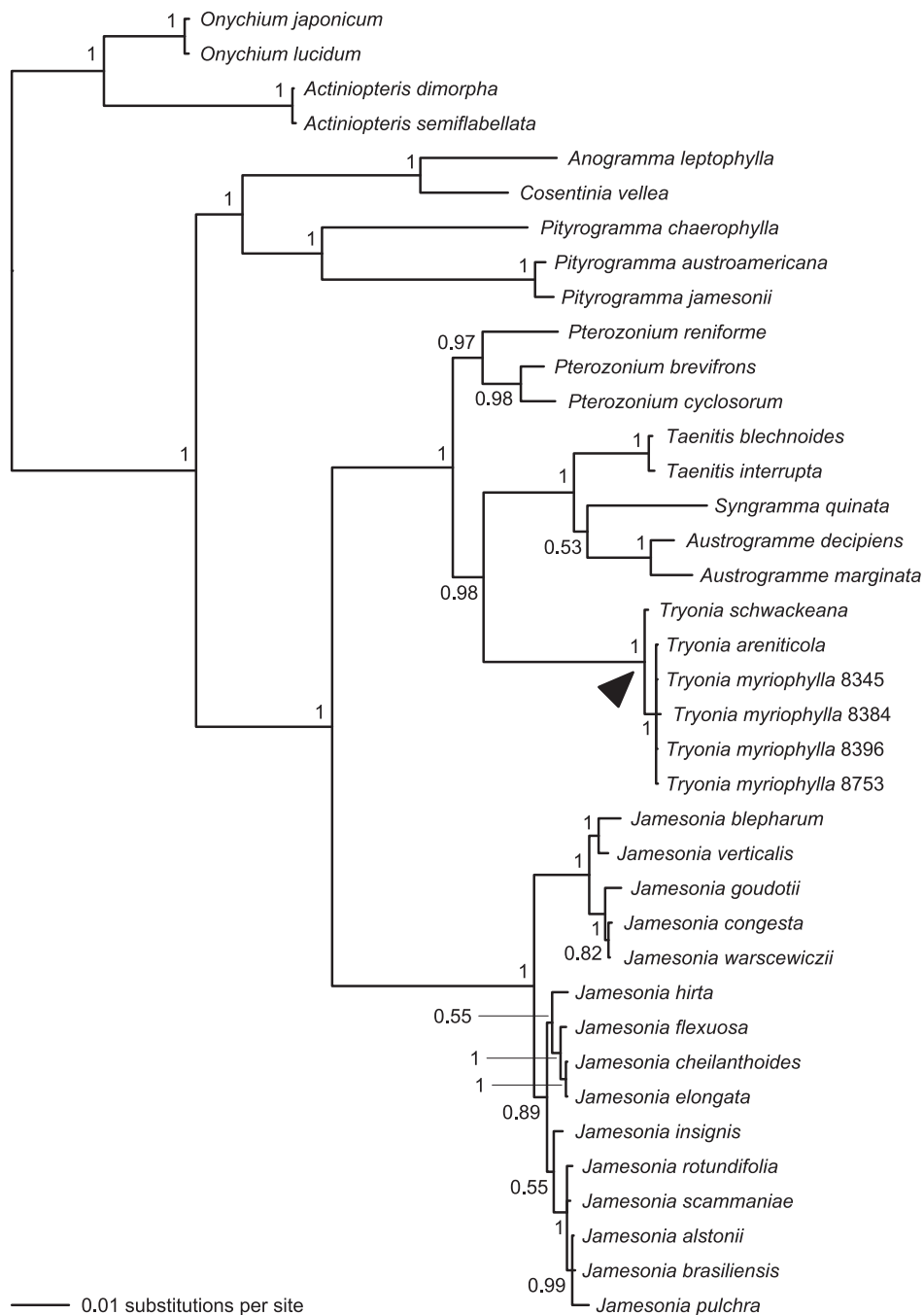


Figure 5. Phylogeny resulting from Bayesian analysis of our combined four-gene (*atpA*, *chlL*, *rbcL*, and *rps4*) plastid dataset. Posterior probabilities (≥ 0.50) are provided at the nodes. Note that species now treated in *Tryonia* (black arrowhead) are distinct from *Jamesonia*, the genus in which these species were most recently placed. Numbers provided for *Tryonia myriophylla* samples are Fern Lab Database voucher numbers (Table 1).

hypothesis that *Jamesonia sensu stricto* was derived from within *Eriosorus* (Tryon 1962, 1970) has received considerable backing. In our combined analysis, we too find strong support for a clade containing most sampled *Eriosorus* and *Jamesonia sensu stricto* species (Fig. 5). Additionally, we find strong support for some of its constituent internal nodes, which indicate that neither *Eriosorus* nor *Jamesonia sensu stricto* is monophyletic. Phylogenetic analyses incorporating a more comprehensive sample of taxa and a greater number of markers will ultimately be necessary to fully understand evolutionary relationships within this clade. However, based solely on the evidence to date, it is abundantly clear that *Jamesonia* and *Eriosorus* (as typically circumscribed) cannot both be recognized, assuming monophyly as a criterion for generic delimitation. With *Jamesonia* being the older name (published in 1830, versus 1852 for *Eriosorus*), the recombination of all known species of *Eriosorus* into *Jamesonia* in Christenhusz et al. (2011) was mostly warranted.

Eriosorus myriophyllus was shown by Prado et al. (2007), Sánchez-Baracaldo (2004b), and Schneider et al. (2013) to be isolated relative to most other species previously assigned to *Eriosorus* or *Jamesonia sensu stricto*. Here, we find *E. myriophyllus* and two previously unsampled species of *Eriosorus* to be more closely related to *Austrogramme*, *Pterozonium*, *Syngamma*, and *Taenitis* than to *Jamesonia* (as newly circumscribed herein, Fig. 5). Support for this relationship is strong (BPP = 1.00) and the implications are significant if monophyly is used as a criterion for generic delimitation. Because the type of *Jamesonia* (*Jamesonia pulchra* Hook. & Grev.) is resolved well within the large *Jamesonia* clade and the type of *Eriosorus* (*E. aureonitens* (Hook.) Copel.) shows clear morphological and geographical affinities to this clade, and because there are no other generic names available for the *E. myriophyllus* group, we here describe a new genus—*Tryonia* (see below)—to accommodate the isolated species.

In her monograph of *Eriosorus*, Tryon (1970) identified several small groups of closely allied species. Among these was the species pair of *E. myriophyllus* and *E. sellowianus* (with *E. schwackeanus* considered by her to be a synonym of *E. sellowianus*). This group corresponds perfectly to our proposed circumscription of *Tryonia*. We find *E. myriophyllus*, *E. schwackeanus* (which we consider to be distinct from *E. sellowianus*), and the recently described *E. arenicola* (Schwartzburd and Labiak 2008) to form a genetically isolated clade of closely related species (Fig. 5). New combinations for these species, along with the unsampled *E. sellowianus*, are provided below.

Based on our current dataset, we do not consider the precise phylogenetic position of *Tryonia* (within the *Austrogramme*, *Pterozonium*, *Syngamma*, *Taenitis*, and *Tryonia* clade) to be fully resolved. Although our combined analysis clearly places *Tryonia* sister to *Austrogramme*, *Syngamma*, and *Taenitis* (collectively), this relationship is not well supported in any single-gene analysis. The *atpA* and *rbcL* datasets do place *Tryonia* sister to *Taenitis* (*atpA* and *rbcL* sequences were not available for *Austrogramme* and *Syngamma*), but support is lacking (BPP = 0.61 and 0.83, respectively). Likewise, the *rps4* dataset resolves *Tryonia* as sister to *Austrogramme*, *Syngamma*, and *Taenitis* without significant support (BPP = 0.88). Strong single-gene support for the precise

position of *Tryonia* only comes from the *chlL* dataset, where *Tryonia* is most closely related to *Pterozonium* (BPP = 1.00).

Two of the species of *Tryonia* included in our phylogenetic analysis (*T. areniticola* and *T. schwackeana*) are endemic to Brazil; the third sampled species (*T. myriophylla*) also occurs in Uruguay, near its border with the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul. Although the Andes are the center of diversity for *Jamesonia* (as newly circumscribed herein), this genus is not entirely geographically distinct from *Tryonia*. In the recently published Catálogo de Plantas e Fungos do Brasil, a total of nine species are ascribed to *Eriosorus* or *Jamesonia* (Prado 2010). Only three of these species noted for Brazil (*E. areniticola*, *E. myriophyllus*, and *E. schwackeanus*) are resolved as sister to *Austrogramme*, *Syngramma*, and *Taenitis*. We found *Eriosorus cheilanthoides*, *E. insignis*, and *J. brasiliensis* to be embedded within the *Jamesonia* clade (Fig. 5) and *E. rufescens* was resolved within *Jamesonia* in an earlier study (Sánchez-Baracaldo 2004b). As for the remaining Brazilian species that have yet to be included in a phylogenetic study, one (*E. sellowianus*) shows clear morphological affinities to, and is here considered to be a member of, *Tryonia*; the other (*E. biardii*) appears, based on morphology, to be best accommodated in *Jamesonia*. Regardless of the ultimate phylogenetic placement of these two unsampled species, the genus *Tryonia* can be described as wholly endemic to Brazil and Uruguay.

Taxonomy

***Tryonia* Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran, gen. nov.**

urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77136217-1

<http://species-id.net/wiki/Tryonia>

Figs 4, 6–9

Similar to some species of Jamesonia, but with stramineous rather than castaneous rachises.

Type. *Tryonia myriophylla* (Sw.) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran, comb. nov., *Gymnogramma myriophylla* Sw., Kongl. Vetensk. Acad. Handl. 1817(1): 58. 1817.

Description. Plants terrestrial, rupicolous, or saxicolous. Rhizomes creeping to erect at apex, compact, with appressed hairs or crispate bristles, sometimes rigid, ruddy brown, darker at the base. Fronds erect, 6–100 cm long; petioles terete or sulcate adaxially, brown at base and stramineous distally, from 1/8 as long to equal the length of the lamina, densely to sparsely pubescent, the hairs short and erect or long and crispate, hyaline or reddish brown at the cell junctions, glandular or non-glandular; laminae linear to elongate-triangular, 1 or 2-pinnate-pinnatisect to 1–3-pinnate-pinnatifid, 4.0–48 cm long, 1.0–14 cm wide, determinate; rachises straight, sometimes slightly flexuous, terete or sulcate adaxially, stramineous, pubescent, the hairs like those of the petioles; pinnae ascending to patent to the rachis, oblong to deltate, 0.5–10 cm long, 0.5–5 cm wide, membranaceous to herbaceous, densely to sparsely pubescent on both surfaces, the hairs glandular, hyaline or with the terminal cell light to dark red-



Figure 6. *Tryonia arenitcola* (Schwartzb. & Labiak) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran. Schwartzburd 487 (SP), inset detail of (stramineous) rachis magnified 4x.

dish brown, 2–5-celled, or hairs non-glandular, hyaline or reddish brown at the cell junctions, 2–5(–7)-celled; ultimate segments entire and round or emarginate; veins free. Sporangia borne along the veins, short-stalked, stalks 1–2-celled, stomia with 2–4 indurated cells; spores trilete, tetrahedral-globose, with an equatorial flange, distal face coarsely tuberculate, proximal face with prominent ridges, brown, 40–60 µm (Fig. 9).

Etymology. The generic name honors Dr. Alice Faber Tryon, who made extraordinary contributions to fern systematics and published taxonomic revisions of both *Jamesonia sensu stricto* and *Eriosorus* (from which *Tryonia* is segregated herein).

Distribution. *Tryonia* occurs primarily in southeastern Brazil. However, one species (*T. myriophylla*) can also be found in Uruguay (Cerro Largo: Sierra Souza), near the Brazilian border. The genus is mostly restricted to the Atlantic Forest, along shaded streams, on damp shaded sandstone, or in more open places (but here shaded by shrubs); 600–2300 m.

Discussion. *Tryonia* can be distinguished most readily from *Jamesonia* by its stramineous rachises, but its gross morphology is also reasonably distinct. Tryon (1970) referred to the leaves of *T. myriophylla* as “generalized” (i.e., elongate-triangular and well developed). She drew a distinction between them and the “specialized” (i.e., either complex and scandent or compact and linear) leaves of *Jamesonia sensu stricto* and many other species at the time placed in *Eriosorus*, as well as between them and the “intermediate” (i.e., falling between the two extremes) leaves of other species she treated in *Eriosorus*. Although the Andean *Jamesonia congesta* also has “generalized” leaves, it is readily distinguished from *Tryonia* by its rachis color. The only species of *Jamesonia* with occasionally stramineous rachises (*J. flexuosa*) has “specialized” (complex and scandent) leaves. Spores of *Tryonia* (Fig. 9) and *Jamesonia* are basically indistinguishable.

Tryonia comprises the following species.

***Tryonia areniticola* (Schwartzb. & Labiak) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran, comb. nov.**

urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77136218-1

http://species-id.net/wiki/Tryonia_areniticola

Figs 6, 9

Synonym: *Jamesonia areniticola* (Schwartzb. & Labiak) Christenh. (Phytotaxa 19: 20. 2011).

Basionym. *Eriosorus areniticola* Schwartzb. & Labiak (Amer. Fern J. 98: 160. 2008).

Type. Brazil: Paraná: Jaguariaíva: Parque Estadual do Cerrado, 12 April 1994, P.H. Labiak 182 (holotype: UPCB; isotypes: SP!, UC).

Distribution. Brazil: Paraná, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina (probably), and São Paulo.

Discussion. Based on the gene regions included in our analysis, we found *Tryonia areniticola* to be genetically indistinguishable from *T. myriophylla*, despite the presence of several morphological differences (Schwartzburd and Labiak 2008). Further studies that include nuclear markers will be necessary.



Figure 7. *Tryonia schwackeana* (Christ) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran. Schuettpeitz 1433 (MO), inset detail of (stramineous) rachis magnified 4×. Image modified from <http://www.tropicos.org/Image/100140486>.



Figure 8. *Tryonia sellowiana* (Kuhn) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran. Mulford 710 (US), inset detail of (stramineous) rachis magnified 4×.

***Tryonia myriophylla* (Sw.) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran, comb. nov.**

urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77136219-1

http://species-id.net/wiki/Tryonia_myriophylla

Figs 4, 9

Synonyms: *Psilogramme myriophylla* (Sw.) Kuhn (Festschr. 50 Jähr. Jub. Königstädt. Realschule Berlin 339. 1882); *Eriosorus myriophyllus* (Sw.) Copel. (Gen. Fil. 58. 1947); *Jamesonia myriophylla* (Sw.) Christenh. (Phytotaxa 19: 21. 2011).

Basionym. *Gymnogramma myriophylla* Sw. (Kongl. Vetensk. Acad. Handl. 1817(1): 58. 1817).

Type. Brazil: [Minas Gerais]: Villa Rica [now Ouro Preto], Aug 1815, *G.W. Frey-riss s.n.* (lectotype [designated by Tryon, 1970]: S-R-2467, image!; isolectotypes: BM 000936677, image!, S-R-2469, image!).

Distribution. Brazil: Bahia, Espírito Santo, Minas Gerais, Paraná, Rio de Janeiro, Santa Catarina, São Paulo, and Rio Grande do Sul. Uruguay: Cerro Largo.

***Tryonia schwackeana* (Christ) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran, comb. nov.**

urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77136220-1

http://species-id.net/wiki/Tryonia_schwackeana

Fig. 7

Synonym: *Eriosorus schwackeanus* (Christ) Copel. (Gen. Fil. 59. 1947).

Basionym. *Gymnogramma schwackeana* Christ in Schwacke (Pl. Nov. Mineiras 2.18. 1900).

Type. Brazil: [Minas Gerais]: Ouro Preto, *C.A.W. Schwacke 9389* (lectotype [designated by Tryon, 1970]: P 00603566, image!; isolectotype: GH 00021287, image!).

Distribution. Brazil: Bahia and Minas Gerais.

***Tryonia sellowiana* (Kuhn) Schuettp., J.Prado & A.T.Cochran, comb. nov.**

urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77136221-1

http://species-id.net/wiki/Tryonia_sellowiana

Fig. 8

Synonyms: *Psilogramme sellowiana* (Mett. ex Kuhn) Kuhn (Festschr. 50 Jähr. Jub. Königstädt. Realschule Berlin 339. 1882); *Eriosorus sellowianus* (Mett. ex Kuhn) Copel. (Gen. Fil. 59. 1947); *Jamesonia sellowiana* (Mett. ex Kuhn) Christenh. (Phytotaxa 19: 21. 2011).

Basionym. *Gymnogramma sellowiana* Mett. ex Kuhn (Linnaea 36:69. 1869).

Type. Brazil, *Sello 1365* (lectotype [designated by Tryon, 1970]: B-Herb. Mett., image!; isolectotype: B, image!)

Distribution. Brazil: Minas Gerais.

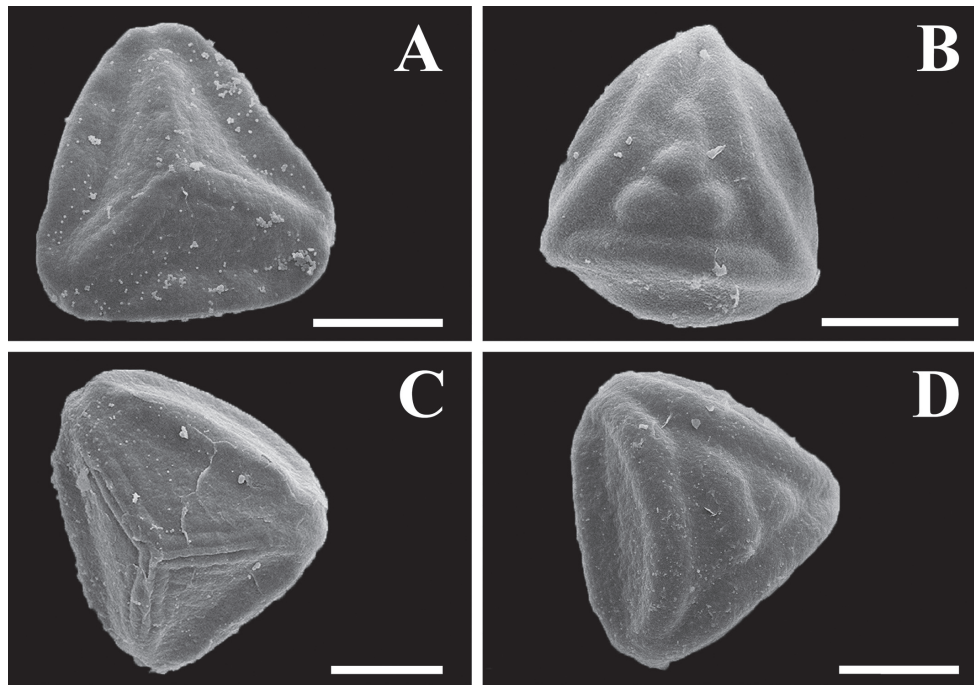


Figure 9. Spores of *Tryonia*. **A.** *Tryonia myriophylla* proximal view, Wacket s.n. (US) **B** *Tryonia myriophylla* distal view, Wacket s.n. (US) **C** *Tryonia areniticola* proximal view, Kummrow 2773 (US) **D** *Tryonia areniticola* distal view, Kummrow 2773 (US). All scale bars are 20 μ m.

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